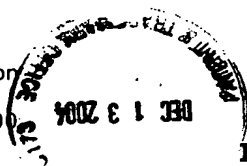


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the amendments and arguments set forth below.

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